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MANUAL OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT WITH FORMS. FULL AND CORRECT INFORMATION FOR THE CONDUCT AND TRANSACTION OF ALL CORPORATE BUSINESS. By T. CARL SPELLING, author of "Law of Private Corporations," etc. Pp. iii-xiii+15-479. San Francisco, Cal.: Bender-Chaquette Company, publishers and law-book dealers.

The book now under review is a very practical and useful one. It does not deal with the theories of any branch of the law, but is full of the information that a practitioner and an officer or member of a corporation needs. It is in the nature of a book on corporate practice, giving the forms in which charters, reports of officers, stock certificates, contracts, notes, etc., should be drawn up. In addition, the nature and various kinds of liability of stockholders, the duties of officers and their powers, are enumerated and discussed.

The author supports each principle of law laid down by many citations of cases, yet the value of the book lies in its being one of use rather than for reference.

S. G. S.

CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM 1885 TO 1889. By SYLVESTER B. SADLER. Ten volumes and Digest. Rochester: Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company. 1904.

To justify the appearance of these ten new volumes of reports we quote the author's preface:

"The act of June 12, 1878, which provided in substance for the official publication of only such decisions of the Supreme Court as should be marked by the judge who wrote the opinion to be reported excluded from the series of State Reports many decisions. Some of these, rendered between 1881 and 1884, were offered to the profession by Pennypacker's Reports. Later, Walker's Reports appeared, containing some decisions of the period covered by Pennypacker's Reports, and others rendered, with two exceptions, before October, 1885. At this time the issue of the Central Reporter and the Atlantic Reporter was begun, publishing every current decision. Concurrently many cases were reported in the Weekly Notes of Cases. The thirteen volumes of the former ended with the summer of 1888; the first seventeen of the Atlantic, and the Weekly Notes of Cases, cover the period to March 28, 1889. From this date, under a new statute, the official reports contain every decision of the Supreme Court. Monaghan's Reports publish practically all the officially unreported decisions of that court which were rendered from October, 1888, to March, 1889.

"Considerably more than fifteen hundred decisions of the Supreme Court are to be found in the Central and Atlantic Reporters and Weekly Notes of Cases which do not appear elsewhere. These are spread through thirty-five volumes, intermingled with the decisions of other states, and for that reason are inconvenient of access and costly. It has seemed to the reporter that a service would be rendered to the profession by the collection of these cases into volumes of a reasonable size, obtainable at a moderate expense. This series of Reports contains all the unofficially reported decisions rendered during the period from October, 1885, to March, 1889, except such as are found in Monaghan's Reports. These have been omitted in order to prevent unnecessary duplication, the reports mentioned being in the hands of a considerable percentage of the profession.

"The Table of Cases in the accompanying Digest of this series of Reports shows the volume and page of the Central and Atlantic Reporters and the Weekly Notes of Cases in which these have been reported. Any case cited in any digest or elsewhere by reference to the Central and Atlantic, or to the Weekly Notes of Cases, during the period covered, can be found by aid of this table.

"In a footnote to each reported case a list of citations is given, showing where the decision has been subsequently referred to by any court in Pennsylvania.

"A feature which, it is believed, will add much to the utility of these Reports, is the notes, indicating other cases in which the same or cognate principles may be found, or which suggest judicial or statutory qualifications and modifications.

"For ease of reference each volume contains an index both to the cases and the notes therein; and a general index or digest of all the volumes accompanies the series."

Scarcely any further word need be added. The notes are well prepared, and may in themselves prove valuable. Whether the publication of cases deemed unimportant by our judges is justified is a question of individual opinion. It is evident that the work has been done carefully, and will appeal to many who have been obliged during the past to search at large for such cases as are found here, and which they knew to exist.

E. H. B.

A TREATISE ON AMERICAN ADVOCACY. By ALEXANDER H. ROBBINS. Pp. xiv+295. St. Louis: Central Law Journal Company, 1904.

This book will be greeted with pleasure by the profession in this country. The book is based upon the standard English treatise entitled "Hints on Advocacy," by Richard Harris,